



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **OFFICIAL CANVASS OF THE AUGUST 4, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION** – Discussion and consideration regarding the adoption of the official canvass of the August 4, 2020 primary election.

Staff Contact: Mary Ellen Dunn, Town Clerk

Meeting Date: August 25, 2020

Background: Election law requires the Town Council to canvass the votes not less than six days or more than 20 days after a primary or general election. The official final results of this election were provided to Clarkdale by Yavapai County elections on August 14, 2020.

Per A.R.S. § 9-821.01, calculation of a “majority of votes cast” at the primary election specifies that the number to win be calculated by adding all of the votes cast for all candidates for the office, dividing by the number of seats to be filled and then dividing the result of the calculation by two and rounding to the highest whole number.

Mayor’s Race: Total votes cast for Mayor was 1483. The number of votes needed to win this race was 742. Robyn Prud’homme-Bauer received a “majority of votes cast” per Section 2-3-1 of the Town Code and is considered elected and no General Election will be held.

Council Member Race – 4 year Term: Total votes cast for the two 4-year Council seats was 2153. The number of votes needed to win this race for these two seats was 539. Debbie Hunseder and Marney Babbitt-Pierce received a “majority of votes cast” for Council Members – four year terms per Section 2-3-1 of the Town Code are considered elected and no General Election will be held.

Council Member Race – 2 year Term: Total votes cast for the 2-year Council seat was 1236. The number of votes needed to win this race was 618. Alicia O’Neill received a “majority of votes cast” for Council Member – two year term per Section 2-3-1 of the Town Code is considered elected and no General Election will be held.

Robyn Prud’homme-Bauer, Debbie Hunseder, Marney Babbitt-Pierce and Alicia O’Neill will be declared elected effective as of November 3, 2020, the date of the general election as stated in Town Code Section 2-3-1 and per Section 2-1-3, shall assume the duties of office at the regularly scheduled Council meeting following the date of the general election (November 10, 2020).

Recommendation: To adopt the canvass of the official final results of the primary election held on August 4, 2020.